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'What is a man, if his chief good and market of his time be but to sleep and feed? A beast, no more!'
William Shakespeare (*Hamlet*, Act IV, Scene IV).

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RECENT RECORD OF *NOTOCHILUS LIMBATUS* FIEBER (HEMIPTERA: LYGAEIDAE) FROM THE NEW FOREST. A female was suction sampled from an open south facing seepage mire at Turfhill (SU1917) on 22 May 2025. Ants in the vicinity included *Myrmica sulcinodis* Nylander and *Formica picea* Nylander (Hymenoptera: Formicidae). This may be the first record from the Forest since 1961 when it was taken near Gritnam (SU281065). JONTY DENTON, *31 Thorn Lane, Four Marks, Hants GU34 5BX*.

NEW VICE-COUNTY RECORDS PUBLISHED IN OTHER JOURNALS

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The following records for Hemiptera-Heteroptera published in journals other than the *Hemipterist* are new to the Vice-county Distribution and Atlas (Ryan, 2019), and will be included in the next interim release.

Physatocheila smreczynskii China (Tingidae): West Cornwall with Scilly (VC1) (Alexander, 2025).
Reduvius personatus (Linnaeus) (Reduviidae): North Hampshire (VC12) (Edmonds, 2025).
Loricula distinguenda (Reuter) (Microphysidae): East Cornwall (VC2) (Alexander, 2024).

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SIGARA IACTANS JANSSON (HEMIPTERA: CORIXIDAE) IN WALES

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Sigara iactans Jansson was only described as a species recently (Jansson, 1983) when Jansson analysed specimens from Northern Central Europe and the west coast of the Caspian Sea. It seemed to make its way across Europe, being found in 1988 in a sandpit near Midwolda, Netherlands (Cuppen 1988) and then a first in England in 2005 from Snettisham on the North Norfolk coast by Sheila Brooke and Bernard Nau (Brooke, 2005). Tracking the records, it has now been making its way gradually across England in a northerly, southerly and westerly direction.

According to Ryan (2019) it has not been found in Wales, and the most westerly record was from Derbyshire (VC53). According to the NBN Gateway, that is now the repository for all the iRecord verified records and the Aquatic Hemiptera Recording Scheme data set, there are records as far west in England as Cheshire (VC58) and Herefordshire (VC36), as follows.

27 July 2019, Will Watson from Kenchester Pond 7, SO43854238, VC36.
9 September 2020, Will Watson from Stockley Farm - The Cot South Pond, SO37866152, VC36.
2020, Ms. F. J. Riding from Alderford Lake, SJ548395, VC53.
5 October 2021, Giles King-Salter from Cannon Bridge North Pond, SO43254084, VC36.
14 October 2024, David Bentley from Wilmslow Park, SJ85748111, VC36 (who also mentioned that there could be 2023 record from Cheshire Zoo, VC36 that hasn't been verified yet).

On 4 April 2025 Kevin Rowley, Richard Vandersteen and Jeff Blincow were surveying the ponds around the Parc Menai Business Park, that hosts the local Environmental Offices for North Wales (Cofnod), and took *Sigara iactans* from two lakes, as follows.

SH54306972, 4 April 2025, Pond 5. This was a muddy duck lake with some reed edges, some Alders and an area with a cobble stone base. The cobbles had algae on them and some leaf litter. Two females and one male were found.
SH545698, 4 April 2025, Pond 1. Two males were found from in front of the offices. This had more vegetation, with weed mats and a grassy margin, but it was more silty just off the margins.

Six weeks later the group were back with the Coleopterist Society who had arranged a field trip in North Wales. As well as visiting some of their sites, a visit was also arranged to RSPB Cors Ddyga which had some fantastic habitat. Many male, female and juvenile *Sigara iactans* were found in the field ditches, as follows.

SH45697251, 28 May 2025, Cors Ddyga Central Ditch. This was a grazing marsh area that had not only the marginal ditches but also scrapes and ditches within the field area that were a fantastic breeding ground for juvenile crustaceans and corixids. Some areas were bare earth and others with grasses and sedges growing through. *Sigara iactans* was found amongst *Sigara dorsalis*, *Sigara lateralis*, *Corixa punctata*, *Corixa panzeri*, *Callicorixa praeusta* and *Sigara falleni*. There were also *Chartoscirta cincta* and *Saldula opacula* (Hemiptera: Saldidae) on the muddy edges. In the reedbed adjacent, the water beetle *Acilius canaliculatus* (Nicolai) (Coleoptera: Dytiscidae) was found, the second record for Wales and the first for Anglesey.

Discussion

The identification of *Sigara iactans* is tricky but not difficult. Identification focus needs to be on what maybe male *Sigara falleni* and the palae checked very carefully from many angles. The habitat is not always in the best areas as they prefer mainly nutrient-poor, vegetation-poor still waters, sometimes with low pH values; often as a pioneer species (Strauss & Neidringhaus, 2014). This article now extends

the range of *Sigara iactans* across to North Wales, and probably expanding into South Wales, northwards through Cheshire and Lincolnshire, and also along the south coast. So, plenty of opportunity for more range expansion to be documented.

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